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1. EMBASSY NOT AWARE WHETHER FONMIN MINIC HAS RESPONDED TO REPRESENTATION REPORTED REFTEL, BUT CONVERSATIONS WITH YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR VOJINOVIC AND HIS WIFE HERE AUGUST 3 SHED ADDITIONAL LIGHT ON MATTER OF M-47 TANKS.

2. AT DINNER PARTY, QUESTION OF FIGHTING IN OGADEN CAME UP. POLCOUNS INDICATED THAT ETHIOPIANS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HAD PRAISED PERFORMANCE OF AMERICAN-SUPPLIED F-5 AIRCRAFT AND M-60 TANKS. VOJINOVIC BROKE IN TO ASK, WITH TWINKLE IN HIS EYE, "WHAT ABOUT THE M-47'S?" ASKED WHETHER HE THOUGHT M-47'S WERE ACTUALLY BEING USED IN MILITARY OPERATIONS, HE SAID HE BELIEVED THEY WERE.

3. DURING SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH MRS. VOJINOVIC, SHE VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION THAT GROUP OF YUGOSLAV TECHNICIANS HAD BEEN WORKING AND LIVING IN JIJIGA, BUT HAD RECENTLY LEFT COUNTRY BECAUSE OF FIGHTING IN JIJIGA AREA.

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